Test "The UK today" Form 9

Task 1. Put the verb into the correct form.(Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect)

1. How fast _____ (you / drive) when the accident _____ (happen).
2. They _____ (already / see) the film twice at the cinema when she rented it on video.
3. Sam _____ (take) a picture of me while I _____ (not / look).
4. I _____ (walk) along the street when suddenly I _____ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody _____ (follow) me. I was scared and I _____ (start) to run.
5. Liz _____ (go) to the Bahamas for her holiday last year
6. When I was young, I _____ (want) to be a pilot.
7. Last night I _____ (drop) a plate when I _____ (do) the washing-up.
8. Pete _____ (find) the toy which he _____ (lose).
9. Last night he _____ (complete) the experiment which he _____ (begin) some months before.
10. Sam _____ (work) here for five years before he _____ (leave) to go to university.
11. The man _____ (pay) for his new car in cash.
12. We _____ (arrive) at work in the morning and found that somebody _____ (break into) the office during the night.

Task 2. Choose the correct answer.

1. The United Kingdom consists _____ of four parts: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

a) by b) of c) to d) round

2. The United Kingdom is washed _____ the Atlantic Ocean.

a) off b) in c) by d) of

3. The climate is _____ by the Gulf Stream.

a) caused b) manipulated c) influenced d) discussed

4. It's thanks _____ Sandy that I decided to visit Wales.

a) due b) for c) to d) of

5. Pronouns are often used to refer _____ a noun that has already been mentioned.

a) to b) on c) for d)by

6. The national flag (blue with white cross) is known _____ St Andrew cross.

a) on b) by c) for d) as

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3. Read the text and answer the questions:

Made in Britain

England is famous for its writers and poets, but did you know England is also a country of inventors? Many of the things we use every day were invented in Britain.

The Pencil
In 1564, a graphite mine was found in Cumbria. The graphite was cut into sticks, the sticks were put into wooden holders – and the pencil was born. One pencil can draw a line 56 kilometres long. It can write about 45,000 words. Today, pencils are used by people all over the world.

The Fizzy Drink
Do you enjoy drinking fizzy drinks? You're not alone. In the UK, the average person drinks 96.5 litres of fizzy drinks a year. The fizzy drink was invented by British chemist Joseph Priestly (1733-1804). Priestly found a way to put gases in liquids. He made the first glass of man-made soda water in 1767. Priestly didn't know it, but he was changing the drinking habits of the world forever.

The Match
Today, matches are found in every kitchen. They are used to light cookers, candles and campfires. The match was invented in 1826 by British chemist John Walker (1781-1859). Unfortunately, Walker did not patent his matches, so he didn't get much money for this important invention.

The Christmas Card
Sir Henry Cole (1808-1882) was bored with writing letters to people at Christmas. In 1843, Cole paid an artist to draw a Christmas picture. Then he printed the picture on cards and sent them to all his friends and relatives. Cole realised he could make money from the cards. He made another 1,000 cards and sold them, and the Christmas card was born.

The Electric Toaster
Have you ever thought about the word "toast"? It comes from the Latin word "tostum" which means "to burn." People have made toast for hundreds of years as a way of prolonging the life of bread. At first, it was made by toasting bread over an open fire. Then, in 1893, Englishman Rookes Evelyn Bell Crompton invented the first electric toaster. Unfortunately, his toaster wasn't efficient. It only toasted one side of the bread.

Say, if the sentences are True or False

1. There is graphite inside of every pencil.
2. The invention of fizzy drinks made a great impact on the drinking habits all over the world.
3. Walker invented matches and they are used to light candles, fires and cookers.
4. Sir Henry Cole liked to write letters to people at Christmas.
5. He painted pictures on cards and sent them to his friends.
6. Making toasts was the way of making bread tastier.

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